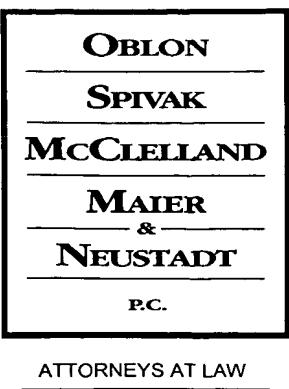




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This is responsive to the Election of Species Requirement mailed October 12, 2004.

Applicants elect, with traverse, specie II, Figure 17, corresponding to Claims 25-29, for examination purposes only.

All claims are readable on specie II, and Claim 20 is considered generic.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.